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| Application No. 10/747,859 |) Examiner: Jerry E. Redman) Art Unit: 3634 | |
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| For: Integrated Tilt/Sash Lock Assembly |) | |

REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF PREVIOUSLY-FILED REPLY AND WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

This is in response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed October 27, 2006. This request is also filed pursuant to the instructions of Examiner Redmond based on previous telephone discussions with the undersigned attorney.

Applicants submit that a Reply to the Office Action Mailed March 6, 2006 was timely mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on April 4, 2006. This Reply was in response to an election/restriction requirement, and Applicants elected the species of Group XVI (FIGS. 66-73) for prosecution on the merits. As Claims 1-18 are readable on the species of FIGS. 66-73, Applicants did not need to withdraw or cancel any claims.

In a telephone call to Applicants' attorneys on September 7, 2006, Examiner Redmond inquired as to whether a Reply to the election/restriction Office Action Mailed March 6, 2006 had been filed by Applicants, stating that no such Reply had been received by the PTO. Upon learning that a Reply had been mailed to the PTO on April 4, 2006, the Examiner requested Applicants' attorneys to fax a copy of the Reply to the PTO. On September 7, 2006, Applicants' attorneys faxed a copy of the previously-filed Reply to the PTO along with a paper entitled "Resubmission of Reply to Office Action Mailed March 6, 2006."

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Due to a typographical error in the application number in the caption of the Reply to Office Action Mailed March 6, 2006, the Reply to Office Action Mailed March 6, 2006 was erroneously filed in connection with Application No. 10/787,859 (incorrect), rather than Application 10/747,859 (correct),. Although Applicants' "Resubmission" contained the correct application number (10/747,759) in the caption, the Resubmission was also filed in connection with Application No. 10/787,759. This resulted in the Reply never being filed in connection with the present application.

As the abandonment was in error since a Reply was timely filed, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the abandonment. Copies of the previously-submitted Reply and Resubmission are attached. If any issues require further information, the reviewer of this Request is requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 6, 2006

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Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the Office Action mailed March 6, 2006. The original period of response to the Office Action is a shortened statutory period of one (1) month from the mailing date. Accordingly, the time period for response is April 6, 2006, and this Reply is submitted within that time limit. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in the present Application in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted the Application into several species and required election between the species: Group - FIGS. 1 and 3-6; Group II – FIG. 2; Group III – FIG. 6A; Group IV – FIG. 7; Group V – FIG. 8; Group VI – FIGS. 9-12; Group VII – FIGS. 13-18; Group VIII – FIGS. 19-32 and 34-40; Group IX – FIG. 33; Group X – FIGS. 41 and 49; Group XI – FIGS. 42-48, 51-54, 56, and 58; Group XII – FIG. 50; Group XIII – FIG. 55; Group XIV – FIGS. 57; Group XV – FIGS. 59-65; and Group XVI – FIGS. 66-73.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claims 1-18 in the present Application. Applicants submit that the Application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests an early notice of the same.

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Dear Commissioner:

Enclosed is a copy of the Reply to the Office Action Mailed March 6, 2006, as filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 7, 2006. A copy of the stamped return receipt postcard is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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